

REMARKS

Claims 17-21, 23-26, and 28-32 are pending in the application. Claims 17, 23 and 31 are currently amended. Claims 22 and 27 have been cancelled.

The office action dated March 7, 2003 rejects claims 17-21, 23-26, and 28-30 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, because the temperature range of from 35°C to 55°C is absent from the claims. Claims 22 and 27, which formerly recited this temperature range, are indicated to be allowable if these claims are rewritten in independent form. This has been done by adding the limitations of claims 22 to claim 1 and the limitations of claim 27 to claim 23. Claims 17 and 31 have been amended to change "whereby" to "wherein--". These amendments address and overcome the §112 second paragraph rejection.

It is respectfully requested that claims 17-21, 23-26, and 28-32 be found allowable.

Applicants acknowledge receipt of the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, wherein the Draftsman indicates various objections to the drawings filed February 21, 2003. Formal drawings are currently in progress and will be timely filed.

Applicants submit herewith a Petition for Extension for Response within the second month, together with the appropriate fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(2). Applicants believe no further fees are due, however, should additional fees be deemed necessary in connection with this Response, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 12-0600.

Should the Examiner believe that issues remain outstanding, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants' undersigned attorney in an effort to resolve such issues and advance this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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